

Adv Art Project Ideas

For your advanced art projects, choose an idea from the following list. Each one should count for 1 project provided you spend about 3 weeks worth of time in class and beyond class on your own (15-20 hours min.). Experiment with different areas 2D as well as 3D during the course of the year. For an idea off of the list ok it with Mrs. Comer first. Due to copyrighted laws and to better expand on your own creativity, all projects created must come from the artists own subject research or must be changed a min. of 70%. Meaning you may collage several different images together, take your own photos to be used as subjects, take directly from your own 3D objects.

Also note: Depending on what you choose to create, you may need to purchase some of your own materials and supplies. (Art supplies stores around the area include: Wal-Mart, Target, The Art Store, Hobby Lobby, Michaels, Ben Franklin, etc.)

For Advanced Art II try projects geared more towards developing your own style through your own creativity and individuality. I want to see more of YOU in your work! Experiment with new ideas but also try to stick to one area 2D or 3D to really polish your skill level.

Drawing/ Painting:

Explore these ideas using the following materials the school has or purchase extra materials on your own. Ebony drawing pencils, white and black charcoal, ink, colored pencils, markers, crayons, paint, (water color, tempera, acrylic, oil) scratchboard, oil pastels, chalk pastels, watercolor pencils, conte crayons, china markers, etc.

- Create a drawing / painting of a photo that has been taken (not something you have copied)
- Create a CD / album cover of who you are. (research images to collage

together and, or other examples of album covers.

- Recreate a dream you have had. (surrealism style)
- Using the analogy of car... if you are sitting in the drivers seat what do you see out the front window and what do you see out the review mirror. (representing your future and past)
- Draw / paint a self portrait, representational or abstract
- Set up a still life of things that represent who you are to draw / paint. Perhaps bring in some of your own things, what do you like?
- Create a unique manga character, cartoon character, or comic strip. Perhaps you as a Manga character.
- Create a series of abstract / non-representational drawings or a large painting. Work on showing value, depth, shape, form, texture, space, etc.
- Create a basic design to be airbrushed. (research airbrush techniques)
- Design ideas for you room at home... you be the decorator, what would your room look like. (research other room options)
- Design a floor plan of a house. Or outside view of a future house or your own house. (housing or floor plan books could be a good resource)
- Draw your car or a dream car you would like to have. (research cars)
- Design ideas for a mural that you would like to paint in your room. (research different ideas that can be collaged together)
- Create a drawing / painting of your pet or of a favorite animal. (find a picture to go off of.. one where you or a family member has taken the photo, zoo trip photos would be good.)
- Create a drawing / painting of a creature that most fits who you are as an individual. Research what certain animals mean.
- Create a drawing / painting of a family member.
- Create a watercolor painting using a wide variety of techniques learned from painting class.
- Create a drawing / painting using a variety of mixed media.
- Using some scrap wood, old book, old chair, stool, misc. junk, etc. paint a painting on it.
- Write lyrics to a song / poem and add them to a drawing / painting.

- Design a mural idea to be painted somewhere in the building. (ok this with Mr. Durflinger and / or a teacher.)
- Using a recycled canvas in the art room create a painting collage of different things.
- Pop art inspired drawing or painting. Take a well know commercial label of something and blow it up or repeat the image many times. Make it your own by changing the colors and format.
- Using cardboard paint something abstract or realistic in sections to have hung apart.
- Blow up something that is small scale into a really large drawing or painting work with detailed texture.
- Using something that has a reflection on it draw the object and what you see through it. (research M.C. Esher)
- Op art illusions ... create your own optical illusion. (research M.C. Esher or Bridget Riley)
- Create a watercolor painting using new techniques or watercolor pencils. (research Georgia O'Keeffe)
- Create a drawing or painting using a variety of different media, 2-3 min. Experiment with the limits of different media.
- Paint a realistic, abstract, or non-representational idea using tempera, watercolor, acrylic, or oil paint. Subjects must be your own thoughts, or something that has been altered at least 70%.
- Get a piece of scrap wood to paint on.
- Design a t-shirt design or logo for a committee group, or for art club.
- Drawing or painting, interpret a song lyrics, poem, etc.
- Using a scratchboard create a unique and detailed drawing of something abstract or something realistic. (once again be creative with the subject you use)
- Find an object in nature and draw many sketches of different view of this object.
- If you have take Drawing and Painting class, create a project in an extension of a project done it that class.

- Bring in a medium or large rock to paint into a creature. (Mrs. Comer has examples)
- Seniors create a “Senior Block” –refer to handout for guidelines.
- Create a “daily journal” collage of images for a 3 week time period.
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Ceramics sculpture or wheel thrown pottery:

Clay and Ceramic tools will be provided. Sets of detailing sculptural tools may also be available upon request to borrow.

- Create a ceramic sculpture of a favorite creature or character you have invented (sketch some practice ideas).
- Create a series of wheel thrown pots. 3 min. if you are a beginner, 6 min if you have taken Ceramics or have had some experience. (research form ideas and sketch shape ideas)
- Create a series of 3-4 wheel thrown pots that have some unique detained glaze or painted designs on them. (research ideas for painting / glazing)
- Create a large clay tile of who you are. Make it something you can hang on a wall once done. (research relief ideas and create sketches)
- Create a clay vessel / urn to hold your ashes, be descriptive of who you are as a person on the outside of the vessel. (research vessel shapes and create sketches)
- Create some wheel thrown multiple layer pots, or try joining some different pots together to create an abstract sculptural form or larger vessel.
- Create a series of small ceramic sculptures for a particular season or holiday. Ex. snowmen for winter season. (research ideas for forms or creatures)
- Using the plaster molds create a series of sculptures, be creative and alter them into your own creations. (research mass production of ceramics).

****This may only be done after Ceramics class uses the molds and slip second semester, if materials permit.**

- Create a series of clay beads to use later for a jewelry project or make sculpture into a hanging or wind chime.
- Create some beaded curtains with ceramic beads.
- Create a bust or ceramic sculpture of a person or character. (research the person / character)
- Create a chess set and board out of clay. This could be used for more than one project if time and care is taken when creating the playing pieces. (research ideas for pieces)
- Create a ceramic mask out of clay that represents a favorite culture or inventive creature.
- Create a series of tiny ceramic tiles to use for a mosaic.
- Create a larger than life ceramic sculpture of a small form, creature, etc.
- Create a unique coil design vessel.
- Create a series of wheel thrown dishes for a set, this may be worth more than 1 project.
- Create a series of wheel thrown mugs, canister set, serving platters, vases, candle holders, lamp base, etc.
- Make a hand built fountain. You may need to purchase your own pump kit to make it functional.
- Make a wheel thrown or hand built teapot vessel. Research ideas and sketch plans.
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Sculpture:

Materials available depending on availability and demand may include: papier-mâché paste, recycled materials, paper, sculptural wire, packing tape, etc.

- Create a 3D sculpture from everyday found objects. Ex. glue 2000 toothpicks together to make a castle. (research sculptural artists or famous sculptures)
- Research ideas of Origami and create a series of min of 12 different forms or create a large quantity of one kind to make a hanging mobile. Take it a step further and use an unusual material such as carpenter's cloth to make the origami creations out of. (Example of this in the art room).
- Create a packing tape sculpture.
- Create a wire armature sculpture. (research wire sculptural artists and / or create sketches of what you would like to create)
- Create a papier-mâché sculpture / piñata.
- Create a papier-mâché mask of a creature or person to hang on the wall.
- Create a sculpture out of natural materials. Ex. something made out of leaves. (research Andy Goldsworthy)
- Bring in your own found object to take apart and re-arrange into a new form. Ex. take apart a keyboard and glue it together as another 3D form.
- Create a sculpture from everyday recyclable objects such as paper towel rolls.
- Create a metal sculpture out of old wire hangers to hang or put outside. (you may need to supply your own wire hangers)
- Winter season, create an idea and follow through with a large snow sculpture. (this may need to be done outside of class, and pictures can be taken of it to submit it for a grade)
- Cereal sculpture, using foam or other recyclable materials create a structure to use for adding your favorite cereal gluing it to the outside to create a unique textured piece. To preserve it use modge podge or a clear acrylic sealer to it.
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Photography / Computer Graphics:

Materials for this area include the use of the classroom computer, scanner, and, digital camera. (to use on school grounds).

- Using the computer create a logo, stationary, menu, business signs, etc.
for an imaginary company.
- Create a business card for you or someone you know.
- Using the computer and scanner, scan in a photo to manipulate it, transforming it into something else.
- Using the computer and Photoshop program... scan in a picture to color and manipulate. (research Photoshop techniques from online tutorials)
- Take some pictures with your own camera to have developed and create a series of your best photos to turn in. (research camera techniques and / or artists.
- Take a series of digital photo to print off or use the computer to manipulate them.
- Create a slide show presentation on some art work you have created.
- Create an animation with the computer. (sketch out plan ideas ahead of time)
- Using your own digial photos of photos you have scanned in, design a calendar, postcard, card, etc.
- Bring in photos to create a photo collage of you, your family, and / or friends.
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Other Project Ideas:

These ideas are subject to change, depending on supplies and demand.

- Set design, offer to help with the creation of the set design for the school play. (Discuss this with Mr. Lange)
- Create a fabric batik using some material, dye, and wax. (while supplies last)
- Create a series of stamps from art gum erasers. (while supplies last)
- Create a linocut block print and make a series of prints. (while supplies last)
- If you have taken any metal shop classes, may be able to create an 3D welded sculpture in the shop.
- If you have taken any wood working classes in the shop, you may be able to use the equipment to create a wood sculpture.
- Jewelry, research some ideas of hemp braiding or other braiding techniques and create a series of 3 necklaces and 3 bracelets. (purchase some of your own supplies)
- Using magazines, create a collage of images. (you can also use this idea for a drawing or painting.)
- Use colored pieces in a magazine to create a larger scale picture of something else.
- Use pieces of colored construction paper to make a mosaic.
- Using cardboard make a 3D surface to use for a drawing, painting, or sculpture.
- Design you own book, either with an old book brought in or create a new one.
- Make homemade paper, you may also use this for a homemade book.
- Airbrush a design that you have drawn. (while supplies last)
- Scrap booking... If this is a hobby of yours bring in some of your own supplies to create your own memory / scrap book. (this may perhaps be more than 1 project)
- Paper quilling, design a paper collage with this technique.

- Coiling core basket; using coiling core wrap yarn around the coiling core to create a yarn basket.
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